

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claims 1 and 4-22, drawn to a herbicidal composition which comprises i) an isoxazoline derivative represented by general formula I or its salt, and ii) at least one compound selected from Group A; and

Group II: Claims 2-3, and 4-22, drawn to a herbicidal composition which comprises i) an isoxazoline derivative represented by general formula I or its salt, and ii) at least one compound selected from Group A wherein the isoxazoline derivative of the formula I or its salt has a substituent selected from the substituent group  $\alpha$  on the heterocycle which may be substituted with 0 to 6 same or different groups.

Additionally, an election of a single species of General Formula (I) is required.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1 and 4-22 (drawn to a herbicidal composition which comprises i) an isoxazoline derivative represented by the general formula (I) or its salt and ii) at least one compound selected from Group A), for examination.

Applicants also provisionally elect, for examination purposes only, the following species of general formula (I): compound number 3-0188 of Table 7 (specification pg 38) according to the structure of Table 3 (specification pg 34) wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are methyl groups,  $R^3-R^6$  are hydrogen,  $n$  is 2,  $R^{28}$  is a methyl group,  $R^{29}$  is a  $-CF_3$  group, and  $R^{30}$  is a  $-OCHF_2$  group.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

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